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AL-AQSA USE OF ARABSAT, WARNS OF IRAQI INSURGENT STATION ON
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Classified By: DCM Matthew Tueller for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

11. (C) On January 8, PolOff called on Hamad Al-Mashan of the MFA's America's Department and delivered reftel demarche on U.S. concern over the use of Arabsat and Nilesat to broadcast Hezbollah's Al-Manar satellite channel and the reported plan for Arabsat to broadcast Hamas' Siraj Al-Aqsa satellite channel. Al-Mashan undertook to convey the message to the appropriate authorities in the MFA. He agreed that giving a voice to extremists was not in Kuwait's interest.

12. (C) Al-Mashan noted Al-Zawra', a Sunni insurgent satellite channel banned by the Government of Iraq, was broadcasting on Nilesat. He said the station was run by Meshan Al-Jibouri and was inciting Iraqis to kill Americans.

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